

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 3 and 6 are rejected, and claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Also, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Heinz.

After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for formal objections and rejections, applicant has amended the corresponding claims. It is believed that the grounds for formal objections and rejections are therefore eliminated.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of some claims has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this, claim 1, the broadest claim on file, has been amended by introduction into it the features of claim 2. It is believed that claim 1, together with dependent claims which depend on it, should be now in allowable condition.

Claims 5, 7, 8 and 10 have been canceled and replaced with independent claims 11, 12, 13 and 14 which contain the subject matter of the canceled claims together with the features of claim 1. These claims are now also in allowable condition.

It is therefore believed that the present application now contains only allowable claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,


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